

Dear OLG Community,
 I will be sending out a letter to you in July to help shape a vision for the next year as I have completed my first year at Our Lady of Grace. After you have read the letter I would ask for your reaction, input and help to implement a vision. Our Community is blessed with many faith filled people and I feel blessed to be a part of Our Lady of Grace.

Peace,

Fr. Tom

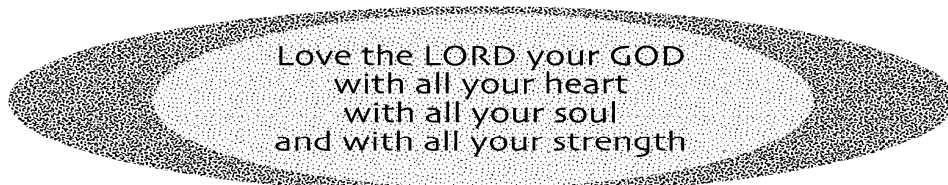
Greetings from Fr. Paul!

Greetings regular readers of the "Pastor's Column" ... I am taking this space for a week or two!! (Don't tell Fr. Tom!!! - Just kidding!!) It was such a blessing to be able to share and open our home to some of you last week. We understand, and are sad, that we were not able to invite all, it is not a lack of Love, but of Space!) But in the same spirit, of sharing more of our lives with you, I'd like to let you know about an upcoming HISTORIC event. Our Conventual Franciscans have recently combined all our formation programs (the years our students spend in formal studies) into One program, for all of our student friars in the U.S., Canada, and Australia. This helps us provide a better quality formation, and allows our students to have more peers during these formative years, where one often forms relationships that last throughout their lives as friars!

Because of this change, for the FIRST TIME ever, all the provinces of the United States, Canada, and Australia will be sharing in a FIRST PROFESSION of VOWS Ceremony here in Pismo Beach, CA, on July 18-22nd. As our Vocation Director, my job is to help those discerning how to serve God, and considering Religious Life as a possibility, to learn more about our way of life. So I am building a Come and See event for young men, 18-50 years old, to drive with me from Castro Valley, to Pismo Beach as part of a 4 day Come and See event, where we will share more about our Franciscan Life! Can you help me get the word out? In the short time I've been vocation director, I've learned that the best approach is to get as many as possible to PRAY for VOCATIONS, and to be on the lookout, to Invite those who you think would make a good priest or brother, and ASK THEM "HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED BEING A PREIST (or Brother/Sister, or Franciscan)." Studies show that most those who've discerned a vocation, have had someone else either get them thinking about it, or get them to act on it, by someone asking THAT QUESTION! And, don't be afraid if they laugh at you!!! My Father first said that to me when I was 19, and I laughed at him..... Don't be afraid to be a prophet! It is part of our Baptismal Call!!!!!! I have put flyers for the event at the entrances to the Church! Please take a few and pass them out!

Also, everyone is invited, to make a "mini-vacation" and come to the event at St. Paul of the Apostle Parish in Pismo Beach (800 Bello St.) on Thursday, July 21, at 11AM! Pismo Beach is a GREAT place to spend a few days! Please Pray for vocations, and hand a flyer to someone!

Thanks, and God Bless, Fr. Paul.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join us in SonSpark Labs as we discover that GP4U=J - that is: God's plan for you is Jesus!
 July 25th - July 29th, 9:00am to Noon or 6:30-8:30 pm (Family VBS)

Don't miss out on a summer full of friends, food, faith and fun! Children grade 5 & under in September 2016 are welcome to sign up as participants, 6th & 7th Graders as Counselors-In-Training, 8-12th graders serve as Counselors. Fee for Grades K-8 is \$40 for per child. High school students - no fee.

Family VBS includes kids under 5 at no charge. Don't forget our annual VBS program and (free) dinner on Friday night! Singing, cheers, food (potluck) and slideshow! Mark your calendar, call your friends and plan to be here!



Volunteers are needed to make this year's VBS awesome! Join the team today! Call 582-9266 for more information or email ffc@olgcv.org

Also, **donations** gladly accepted! Please see the donation board in the entrances of the church. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the VBS program!



Registration packets are available in the Parish and Faith Formation Offices, or you can find them on our website

www.olgcv.org under the Learn tab on the home page. For additional information contact the Faith Formation Center by email at ffc@olgcv.org, or by phone 510-582-9266. See you in the Lab!



**FALL FESTIVAL 2016
 OLG SHAKES, RATTLES, AND ROLLS
 BACK TO THE 50'S
 SEPTEMBER 24th-25th**

Dust off your leather jacket and poodle skirt and make plans to enjoy a weekend harkening back to the 50's with all the sights and sounds at our Annual Fall Festival !! Details coming soon!



Men of Faith
 OLG MEN'S MINISTRY
 Our Lady of Grace Church

**MEN OF FAITH FIRST MONDAY MEETING
 July 11th, PARISH OFFICE**

All Men of OLG are invited to join Fr. Tom for the Men of Faith First Monday meeting, **July 11th** in the Parish office at 7:00pm. Fr. Tom is leading the group spiritually to serve as Ambassadors of Mercy for the Parish. Please come to learn how you can help in our Parish and be more fulfilled.

**OUR LADY OF GRACE
 YOUTH MINISTRY**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2nd. 8:00am-7:00pm

All youth entering grades 9th thru 12th are invited to join Fr. Tom for a day exploring the Missions in Carmel and Monterey. We will depart Our Lady of Grace parking lot at 8:00am and make our way to the mission in Carmel. After a morning at the mission, we head to Monterey to visit the Cathedral for the Diocese and walk through the Holy Door. We conclude the day with a potluck dinner at OLG with family, for a great opportunity to share stores from the day.

Chaperones are needed! Please consider being a part of this great day. Contact the Faith Formation office (582-9266) for additional information or to RSVP or volunteer to help.



**PARISH PICNIC
 AUGUST 14th
 LAKE CHABOT PARK
 Unity in Community**

We will Gather at Lake Chabot Park for a Parish Picnic **August 14th**. Come for a day of family fun and meet the many wonderful people who are part of Our Lady of Grace Parish and School. We will begin at 10AM with Mass in the Park followed by games, food, and more fun and games for all. Mark your Calendar the Parish office is ready to take your RSVP of how many will be attending and what you plan to bring to share. Please call the Parish office 537-0806 or send an email to jay@olgcv.org. to give your RSVP.

**REFUGEE ADOPTION PROGRAM
HOUSING FOR OUR REFUGEE FAMILY**

We still don't know when our refugee "family" will arrive, and sometimes Catholic Charities is not able to give much advance notice. They could arrive in few weeks or not for several months, but when they come, they will need a place to live. Occasionally a refugee family has an extended family member in the area to live with, but often they need housing. As you know, affordable housing in the East Bay is extremely difficult to find. Right now we are just putting out "feelers" to see if anyone in the parish knows of any inexpensive housing possibilities such as a rental property that is vacant or may become vacant, an in-law unit, or a cottage. Please email Dennise at dcburgess1@juno.com with any information on housing you may have.



RCIA INQUIRY

RCIA Inquiry Group meets **Tuesdays** at 7:00pm in Our Lady of Grace Room in Stack Center. You may join at anytime. This group is offered for those exploring membership in the Catholic Church. The next meeting will be **July 12th** and the topic this week is *Padre Pio (movie)*.

COME JOIN US



All are invited after the **9:00am** Sunday Mass to Gather in Stack Center For coffee and donuts. This is a great opportunity to visit and meet new friends.

**MASS TIMES
EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 4TH**

MASSES:

Saturday: Vigil Mass 5:00pm

Sundays: 7:30; 9:30, 11:30 am
1:30pm Spanish Mass

Weekdays: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,

Friday: 7:00am, Wednesday: 8:15am,

Saturday: 8:30am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

First Saturday: Following the 8:30am Mass

Every Thursday: 7:00pm

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Stewardship of treasure involves trust in God. You have to really believe in God's Providence and trust that if you give ten percent of your income to the Church and charity for example, God will help you live on the rest.

Offerings of July 3rd:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 8,330.00
Last Year this week	\$ 7,382.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$225,776.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$214,215.00

May God bless your continuing generosity.



Your Prayers Are Requested

Please lift up in your prayer those many among us who are ill and those who have asked for our prayerful remembrance:

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| Rolando Barrios | Pat Geiger |
| James Barthman | Byron Griffith |
| Larry Bronzini | Sheila Janes |
| Peggy Burton | Elaine Jordan |
| Leonardo Cabardo | Alice McLaughlin |
| Paris Dahle | Richard Martin |
| Kathleen Denning | Salvacion Protacio |
| Julie Dillon | Mike Roth |
| Estela Enriquez | Florence Sharp |
| Juanita Estrellas | Iwan Tunggal |
| Mary Franks | James Van Wert |
| Bridgett Foscalina | |

As we pray for an end to war and violence in our world, let us remember in prayer those family members of our parish community serving on active duty, including:

DAVID SANCHEZ MICHAEL SANCHEZ

Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased in our parish families and all who mourn the loss of a loved one.

ALL VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

**GOSPEL FOR 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(JULY 17TH) LUKE 10:34-42**

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

FESCO BACKPACK DRIVE

As you know, every summer FESCO, (Family Emergency Shelter Coalition), sponsors a backpack drive that our church supports. This drive supplies the families it serves with school supplies they will need for the upcoming academic year. We are hoping that you will consider participating in this event.

If you would like to participate, we are asking you to "adopt" a student. An organization has generously agreed to donate backpacks, so you would just be providing the supplies for the backpack. For the student you "adopt," we will provide you with a specific list of grade-appropriate supplies and a paper bag in which to put the supplies. After all the supply bags are turned in, we will transfer the supplies to the donated backpacks. We estimate that all of the needed supplies for one backpack (at "Back to School" discounts) could cost \$30 – \$50, so several people might want to go in together to fill one student's backpack (e.g., a prayer group, extended family, group of friends, etc.)

You can sign up at the entrances to the church after the Masses on the weekends of **July 16th – 17th or July 23rd -24th** or in the church office after July 18th. Completed bags will need to be returned on or before Monday, August 8th.

NEWS FROM ICF

Come join the ICF "in the good old summertime". We will be serving hotdogs and all the fixin's at our meeting **July 14th**. Doors open at 6:00pm, dinner is at 6:30. For reservations please contact either Stella Taddei at 510-581-5863 or Juanita Madrid at 510-582-7242 by Sunday **July 10th**. Grazie.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 10th:

Baby Bottle Fundraiser --after Masses

Coffee & Donuts After 9:00am Mass

Children's Liturgy

9:00am--Mass

Monday, July 11th:

Men of Faith monthly meeting

7:00pm--Parish Office

Tuesday, July 12th:

RCIA Inquiry---*The Bible*

7:00pm--Stack Center Conference Room

Thursday, July 14th:

Serenity Group

7:30pm--Stack Center

Sunday, July 17th:

Coffee & Donuts After 9:00am Mass only

Children's Liturgy

9:00am--Mass

**BIRTHRIGHT BABY BOTTLE
FUNDRAISER**

This weekend (**July 9th and 10th**) the volunteers from Birthright of San Lorenzo will pass out baby bottles to parishioners who wish to help mothers, fathers, and babies. We will be here after each Mass and hope you will take a baby bottle home, fill it with change--of course, dollars and checks are fine too -- and return it to the Parish Office or Birthright. Birthright is a crisis pregnancy center helping mothers. Everything is free and confidential. Our volunteers are not paid and we get no government help. Birthright exists so mothers in crisis will not feel they have to abort their babies. If you are interested in volunteering please see one of the volunteers at the Baby Bottle Fundraiser, or call 510-481-9677.

IMMACULATE HEART RADIO

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Please note: All masses will be celebrated in the Church.

MONDAY, July 11th

St. Benedict, Abbot
8:30am Lilia Sousa (D)

TUESDAY, July 12th

7:00am Neal & Carla Lucett (L)

WEDNESDAY, July 13th

St. Henry
7:00am Antonio Marquez (D)

THURSDAY, July 14th

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
7:00am Richard Benson (D)

FRIDAY, July 15th

St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
7:00am Dario Espinosa Aguirre (D)

SATURDAY, July 16th

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
8:30am Angelito Mendoza (D)

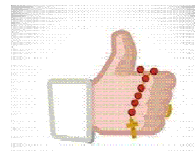
SUNDAY, July 17th

9:00am Thomas & Mary Hayes (D)
2:00pm Juan Garcia Lozano (D)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

July 11th through July 17th

Monday: Isaiah 1:10-17; Matthew 10:34-11:1
 Tuesday: Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 11:20-24
 Wednesday: Isaiah 10:5-7,13-16; Matthew 11:25-27
 Thursday: Isaiah 26:7-9,12,16-19; Matthew 11:28-30
 Friday: Isaiah 38:1-8,21-22; Matthew 12:1-8
 Saturday: Micah 2:1-5; Matthew 12:14-21
 Sunday: Genesis 18:1-10; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42



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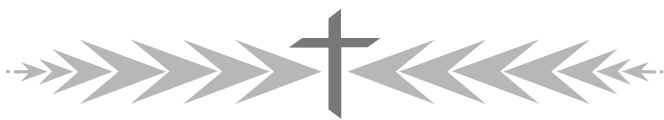
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FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND

In Memory of The flowers on the altar this weekend are in recognition of the baptism of Simone Lang. May God's Blessings be upon her and her family.

Do you have some spare blossoms that you can share? Our Environment Committee needs your help to decorate the altar area each week, either by bringing in flowers from your yard or through a monetary donation towards the purchase of flowers. Flower donations envelopes can be found at the entrances of the church to make a donation in memory of a loved one. If you have any questions feel free to contact Jay at 537-0806. Your donation in honor of your loved one will be mentioned in the bulletin.



EXECUTION ALERTS

The following executions are scheduled to take place in **July** :

July 14th Perry Williams TX
 July 14th John Wayne Conner GA

We ask your prayers for these persons, for the victims of their crimes, and for their families.



ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE

The rosary will be recited for World Peace after the 8:30 am Mass each Monday in the Church. Please join us.

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